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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT AN
INTERIM LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACEQUIAS.

WHEREAS, acequias are part of New Mexico's cultural heritage and are fundamental to New Mexico's legacy of water governance and agricultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, acequias have managed water for the cultivation of diverse crops for centuries in New Mexico and continue to be vital to the state's future in dealing with water scarcity and food security; and

WHEREAS, acequias face tremendous challenges in responding to unprecedented demands for water rights, including operating as local governments, rehabilitating aging infrastructure, engaging young people in agriculture and revitalizing rural agricultural economies; and

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